

CRIMINAL JUSTICE, ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

Program Description

Students interested in criminal justice as a career will elect this two-year collegiate program. It is designed for those students planning to transfer to a four-year program in criminal justice. The program suggested below is intended to develop professional criminal justice skills and knowledge along with a basic academic background. Students pursuing this program on a part-time basis should consult an academic advisor for an appropriate sequence.

Transfer Information

Students pursuing the Criminal Justice degree can transfer into majors such as Criminal Justice or Law and Justice Studies. Many colleges offer opportunities for transfer both in and out of state. Students are encouraged to work closely with OCC faculty and Advising Transfer Services. Students planning to transfer to a four-year institution in NJ can explore the "Transfer Programs" feature on NJ Transfer www.njtransfer.org (<http://www.njtransfer.org/>).

Career Information

The Associate of Arts and the Associate of Science Degrees are designed to provide students with the coursework needed to transfer to a four-year institution and pursue a bachelor's degree. The curriculum provides students the knowledge and skills needed to pursue various career pathways, while providing a credential beyond the high school degree. Students are strongly encouraged to consult with OCC faculty and Career Services as they begin to explore career options. Students can also utilize Career Coach, a resource provided by OCC, to explore degree programs and corresponding careers <https://ocean.emsicc.com/>

Students are encouraged to keep track of degree requirements by using the "My Progress" screen on Student Planning. Student Planning can be accessed via logging into Ocean Connect.

Program Requirements

| First Semester | Credit Hours |
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| ENGL 151 English I | 3 |
| Mathematics Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/graduation-requirements-degree/approved-general-education-courses/#math) | 3 |
| CRIM 150 The Criminal Justice System | 3 |
| CRIM 152 Introduction to Law Enforcement | 3 |
| STSC 150 Student Success Seminar | 2 |
| Credit Hours | 14 |
| Second Semester | Credit Hours |
| ENGL 152 English II | 3 |
| CRIM 155 Introduction to Corrections | 3 |
| CRIM 255 Criminal Law and Procedure | 3 |
| SOCI 181 Introduction to Sociology | 3 |
| Elective ¹ | 3 |
| Credit Hours | 15 |
| Third Semester | Credit Hours |
| CRIM 254 Constitutional Law and Rules of Evidence | 3 |
| SCIE 105 Forensic Science | 4 |
| SOCI 231 Social Problems or SOCI 238 or Race and Ethnicity | 3 |

| Technology Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/graduation-requirements-degree/approved-general-education-courses/#tech) ² | 3 |
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| Elective to meet 60 credits ¹ | 3 |
| Credit Hours | 16 |
| Fourth Semester | Credit Hours |
| CRIM 280 Criminal Investigation or CRIM 281 or Criminal Investigation Theory | 3 |
| POLI 161 American Federal Government or POLI 162 or American State and Local Government | 3 |
| COMM 154 Fundamentals of Public Speaking | 3 |
| PSYC 172 General Psychology | 3 |
| Humanities Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/graduation-requirements-degree/approved-general-education-courses/#humanities) | 3 |
| Credit Hours | 15 |
| Total Credit Hours | 60 |

¹ Recommended Electives:

Criminal Justice Electives:

- CRIM 151 Police Organization and Administration
- POLI 185 Principles of Public Administration
- CRIM 236 Criminology
- CRIM 237 Juvenile Justice

Homeland Security Electives:

- HLSC 170 Introduction to Homeland Security
- HLSC 172 Domestic & International Terrorism
- HLSC 174 Introduction to the Intelligence Function
- HLSC 210 Risk Management & Analysis

² Students may attempt to "test out" of the technology requirement. If they succeed, they must take an additional course(s) in math, science, or technology from the List of Approved General Education Courses.